

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 6. (canceled)

1           7. (currently amended) The ~~plug connector combination~~  
2 according to claim 16 ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the plug  
3 housing ~~[[ (14) ]]~~ and the coupling socket housing ~~[[ (2) ]]~~ are made  
4 from plastic and the seals ~~(9) is~~ are made in common with the plug  
5 housing ~~[[ (14) ]]~~ and the coupling socket housing ~~[[ (2) ]]~~ in a two-  
6 component technique.

1           8. (currently amended) The ~~plug connector combination~~  
2 according to claim 16 characterized in that the seal ~~(9) on each~~  
3 have a radially inner surface turned toward the respective cable  
4 ~~[[4 is]]~~ and provided with circumferential grooves and ribs and  
5 ~~[[forms]]~~ forming a ~~kind of~~ labyrinth seal.

1           9. (currently amended) The ~~plug connector combination~~  
2 according to claim 16 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ the plug  
3 housing ~~[[ (14) ]]~~ and coupling socket housing ~~[[ (2) ]]~~ in the region  
4 of the respective seals are each ~~(9) is~~ provided with at least one  
5 longitudinally extending spreading gap or opening.

1           10. (currently amended) The plug-connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the plug  
3 housing ~~[[14]]~~ and the coupling socket housing ~~[[2]]~~ are made from  
4 a metallic material ~~, preferably a noncorroding metal.~~

1           11. (currently amended) The plug-connector combination  
2 according to claim 10 ~~characterized in that wherein~~ in the making  
3 of the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ and ~~[[/or]]~~ the coupling socket  
4 housing ~~[[2]]~~ of metal, between it and the contact sleeve  
5 ~~[[13]]~~ an insulating body is inserted.

12. (canceled)

1           13. (currently amended) The plug-connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 ~~characterized in that wherein a the locking~~  
3 part of the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ or the coupling socket housing  
4 that engages ~~[[one]]~~ around the other of the housings has eyes  
5 ~~[[11]]~~ at ~~their ends~~ its end turned away from the cable 7  
6 ~~preferably formed as two diametrically opposite eyes.~~

1           14. (currently amended) The plug-connector combination  
2 according to claim 13 ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the locking  
3 part of the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ or the coupling socket housing  
4 ~~(2) one of which is received in the other housing,~~ is provided with  
5 the eyes (11) locally and spatially corresponding and the other  
6 housing has at its part corresponding locking hooks [[15]].

7           15. (original) A method of making a plug ~~[[16]]~~ or  
8 coupling ~~[[1]]~~ of a plug-connector combination according to claim  
9 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cable ~~[[4]]~~ is fed through  
10 the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ or the coupling socket housing ~~[[2]]~~  
11 and through the seal ~~[[9]]~~ thereof, that the cable ~~[[4]]~~ is  
12 isolated and the contact pin ~~[[3]]~~ or the contact sleeve ~~[[13]]~~  
13 is connected by a crimp pliers with the cable conductor ~~[[12]]~~ of  
14 the cable ~~[[4]]~~ and that the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ or coupling  
15 socket housing ~~[[2]]~~ is shoved so further in the direction toward  
16 the contact sleeve with respect to the cable ~~[[4]]~~ so that they  
17 lock in the plug housing ~~[[14]]~~ or the coupling socket housing  
18 ~~[[2]]~~.

1           16. (new) In combination with two cables each having an  
2 outer jacket and an inner conductor projecting from the respective  
3 jacket, a connector assembly comprising:

4           a tubular plug housing extending along a respective  
5 longitudinal axis and formed with a radially inwardly projecting  
6 bead forming an axially outwardly directed shoulder and, axially  
7 outward from the bead, a radially enlarged region;

8           a contact plug in the plug housing and formed with

9           a pin projecting axially inward from the respective  
10           bead and bearing axially outward on the  
11           respective bead,

12           a pair of hooks axially outward of the respective  
13           bead and bearing axially inward on the shoulder

thereof, whereby the hooks lock the contact  
plug in the plug housing, and

a crimp connector axially outward of the respective  
bead and gripping the conductor of one of the  
cables;

a seal in the radially enlarged region of the plug  
housing and bearing radially inward on the jacket of the one cable  
whose conductor is gripped by the crimp connector of the contact  
plug;

a tubular socket housing extending along a respective  
longitudinal axis and formed with a radially inwardly projecting  
bead forming an axially outwardly directed shoulder and, axially  
outward from the respective bead, a radially enlarged region;

a contact socket in the socket housing and formed with  
a sleeve projecting axially inward from the  
respective bead and bearing axially outward on  
the respective bead,

a pair of hooks axially outward of the respective  
bead and bearing axially inward on the shoulder  
thereof, whereby the hooks lock the contact  
socket in the socket housing, and

a crimp connector axially outward of the respective  
bead and gripping the conductor of the other of  
the cables;

a seal in the radially enlarged region of the socket  
housing and bearing radially inward on the jacket of the other

40 cable whose conductor is gripped by the crimp connector of the  
41 contact socket, the socket housing and the plug housing being  
42 fittable axially together with the cables extending axially  
43 oppositely away from each other and with the pin of the contact  
44 plug fitted snugly inside the sleeve of the socket housing, one of  
45 the housings being formed radially inward of the respective bead  
46 with a radially inwardly open groove; and

47 a seal ring in the groove radially inwardly engaging the  
48 other of the housings when the housings are fitted together.